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SUBJECT: MASSEY-FERGUSON GIVEN APPROVAL FOR AGRICULTURAL
EQUIPMENT ASSEMBLY FACTORY

1. SUDANGOV COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAS APPROVED PROPOSAL
SUBMITTED BY MASSEY-FERGUSON (CANADA) FOR AGRICULTURAL
EQUIPMENT ASSEMBLY PLANT. PLANS CALL FOR ANNUAL
PRODUCTION OF 3,000 TRACTORS (77 H.P.), 400 HARVESTERS
AND 5,000 UNITS OF VARIOUS AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS. BECAUSE
OF LACK OF ELECTRICITY AND WATER AT PORT SUDAN, ORIGINAL
SITE, ASSEMBLY FACILITIES WILL BE LOCATED IN WAD
MENDI AND SENNAR. CONSTRUCTION EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN
1980 AND PRODUCTION IN 1982.

2. M-F WILL UNDERTAKE FINANCING OF ENTIRE 84 MILLION
U.S. DOLLAR PROJECT. SUDANGOV WILL OWN 51 PERCENT,
M-F 25 PERCENT AND 24 PERCENT BY SUDAN DEVELOPMENT CORP.
AND OTHER INVESTORS. FOREIGN EXCHANGE COMPONENT OF
PROJECT IS 53 MILLION U.S. DOLLARS. CANADIAN GOV EXPORT
CREDITS EXPECTED TO BE PART OF FINANCING PACKAGE.
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3. COMMENT: M-F IS LEADING EXPORTER OF TRACTORS TO SUDAN
AND HAS BEEN NEGOTIATING PROPOSAL FOR SEVERAL YEARS.
SEVERAL AMERICAN FIRMS HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST IN
ASSMEBLY PLANT, BUT NONE WERE WILLING TO MEET
SUDANGOV'S REQUIREMENT OF 51 PERCENT OWNERSHIP AND INVESTOR
ARRANGE ALL FINANCING. ACCORDING TO PROJECT DIRECTOR,

M-F WAS ONLY FIRM SUBMITTING COMPLETE PROPOSAL AND ONLY
ONE GIVEN SERIOUS CONSIDERATION. PROJECT VERY
LIKELY TO BE IMPLEMENTED BUT NOT WITHOUT SOME
FINANCING AND CONSTRUCTION DELAYS.
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